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S.B. No. 278

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of financial assistance to counties for roadway projects serving border colonias.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1403.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) In determining the counties and the colonia access roadway projects that are to receive financial assistance and the amount of assistance given to a county or project, the commission shall prioritize projects that are located in communities with the greatest need.

SECTION 2. Section 1403.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1403.003. ADMINISTRATION BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [~~SET-ASIDE FOR COLONIAS LOCATED IN RURAL BORDER COUNTIES~~]. (a) In this section:

(1) "Border colonia" means a border colonia as defined by commission rule under Section 1403.002.

(2) "Department [~~Rural border county~~]" means the Texas Department of Transportation [~~a county that:~~

~~[(A) has a population of less than 55,000; and~~

~~[(B) is adjacent to an international border.~~

~~[(3) "Set-aside" means a reservation of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds and notes~~

1 ~~under this chapter to provide financial assistance for specific~~  
2 ~~colonia access roadway projects proposed by rural border counties].~~

3       (b) The department shall use existing funds to manage  
4 colonia access roadway projects serving border colonias that  
5 receive financial assistance under Section 1403.002. The  
6 department shall provide consulting services to counties receiving  
7 financial assistance for colonia access roadway projects on:

8             (1) the planning, designing, and constructing of  
9 roadways; or

10            (2) any other function necessary to implement the  
11 projects ~~[The authority shall set aside an amount equal to 10~~  
12 ~~percent of the proceeds from each sale of general obligation bonds~~  
13 ~~and notes under this chapter to provide financial assistance for~~  
14 ~~colonia access roadway projects designed to pave roads serving~~  
15 ~~border colonias located in rural border counties].~~

16       (c) The department may enter into an interagency agreement  
17 with the Texas A&M University Center for Housing and Urban  
18 Development and the Texas A&M University College of Architecture to  
19 assist the department in providing consulting services under  
20 Subsection (b) ~~[authority, as directed by the Texas Department of~~  
21 ~~Transportation, shall provide a grant from the set-aside on a~~  
22 ~~priority basis to a rural border county that proposes to pave for~~  
23 ~~the first time a road serving a border colonia located in that~~  
24 ~~county].~~

25       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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Read and referred to Committee on INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS & TRADE

Reported favorably \_\_\_\_\_

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by: { unanimous consent  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

Read second time, \_\_\_\_\_, and ordered engrossed by: { unanimous consent  
a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

Read third time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed by: { A viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER ACTION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Engrossed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received from the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Read first time and referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reported \_\_\_\_\_ favorably (as amended) (as substituted)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sent to Committee on (Calendars) (Local & Consent Calendars)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)  
by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Returned to Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Returned from House without amendment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Returned from House with \_\_\_\_\_ amendments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

\_\_\_\_\_ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees instructed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by: \_\_\_\_\_

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by:

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

**OTHER ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted to Conference Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Conferees discharged.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by: \_\_\_\_\_

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays